Recorded Marriages

There were 48,028 marriage certificates filed with the Department of Health through the third quarter of 2004. This represented a 7.9 percent decrease in number from the 52,157 certificates filed in 2003. The marriage rate of 10.9 per 1,000 population decreased 8.4 percent from 2003 to 2004. To conform to the National Center for Health Statistics data presentation format, the rate has changed from persons married per 1,000 population to marriages per 1,000 population.

Recorded Divorces

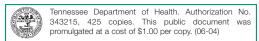
The 20,925 divorce certificates filed through the third quarter of 2004 represented a 1.0 percent increase in number over the 20,728 certificates filed in 2003. The rate of 4.7 per 1,000 population remained the same as the previous year. To conform to the National Center for Health Statistics data presentation format, the rate has changed from persons divorced per 1,000 population to divorces per 1,000 population.

NOTE: The populations for Tennessee (5,840,260 in 2003 and 5,897,306 in 2004 (August, 2003 revision)) used in this quarterly report were based on figures prepared from the 2000 census by Health Statistics and may result in rates that differ from those previously published.

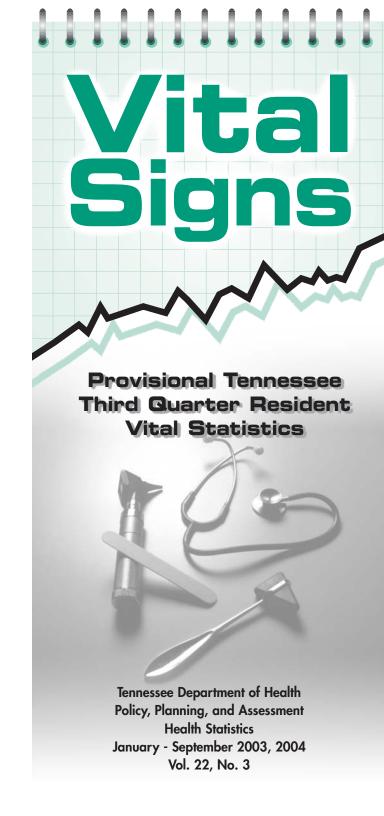
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- The birth rate of 13.0 per 1,000
 Tennessee residents decreased 3.0
 percent from the 2003 rate of 13.4.
- The adolescent birth rate decreased 8.3 percent from 2003 to 2004.
- The number of infant deaths decreased from 433 in 2003 to 422 in 2004.
- The death rate per 1,000 residents decreased 1.7 percent from 2003 to 2004.
- The marriage rate and the divorce rate are per 1,000 population. This change has been made to conform to the National Center for Health Statistics data presentation format.

POPULATION:	2003	2004	
January-September Total	4,368,194	4,414,923	
Females ages 10-17 years	234,304	236,785	
Total Population	5,840,260	5,897,306	
Total Females ages 10-17 years	313,263	316,289	

The populations used in the denominator for the calculation of provisional rates were apportioned to reflect the number of days in the time period.

PROVISIONAL TENNESSEE THIRD QUARTER RESIDENT VITAL STATISTICS JANUARY - SEPTEMBER, 2003, 2004

Live Births

There were 57,382 live births during January – September of 2004. This number represented a decrease of 1.8 percent from the 58,441 births in 2003. The corresponding birth rate of 13.0 per 1,000 population decreased 3.0 percent from the 2003 rate of 13.4.

Adolescent Births

There were 2,350 births to females ages 10-17 with a rate of 9.9 per 1,000 through the third quarter of 2004. The corresponding number of births for the same period in 2003 was 2,536 with a rate of 10.8. Both the number and the rate decreased from those in 2003.

PROVISIONAL VITAL STATISTICS Tennessee Residents IANIMARY - SEPTEMBER 2003 2004

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	NUMBER		RATE*		PERCENT CHANGE IN RATE FROM PRECEDING		
EVENT	2003	2004	2003	2004	YEAR		
RESIDENT DATA:							
Live births Adolescent (10-17) births	58,441 2,536	57,382 2,350	13.4 10.8	13.0 9.9	-3.0 -8.3		
Infant deaths Neonatal deaths	433 272	422 260	7.4 4.7	7.4 4.5	0.0 -4.3		
Total deaths	39,641	39,384	907.5	892.1	-1.7		
RECORDED DATA:							
Marriages	52,157	48,028	11.9	10.9	-8.4		
Divorces	20,728	20,925	4.7	4.7	0.0		

^{*}Rates for live births and total deaths are per 1,000 population. Rates for infant and neonatal deaths are per 1,000 live births. Adolescent birth rates are per 1,000 females aged 10 -17. Rates for marriages and divorces are per 1,000 population.

Infant Mortality

The number of infant deaths through the third quarter of 2004 was 422, corresponding to an infant mortality rate of 7.4 per 1,000 live births. This number decreased 2.5 percent from the 433 infant deaths in 2003, while the rate remained the same. Both the neonatal death number and rate decreased from 2003 to 2004.

Total Deaths

There were 39,384 deaths through the third quarter of 2004, giving a crude death rate of 892.1 per 100,000 population. The number decreased 0.6 percent from the 39,641 deaths in 2003, while the rate decreased 1.7 percent.

Please note that provisional vital statistics data is known to be incomplete. Differences may exist in the recording and processing circumstances of the comparison periods rather than in any real changes in the phenomenon being observed. Final data for a year may reflect an altogether different picture of the conditions being measured than that indicated by the provisional data. Provisional data indicates only a snapshot of vital statistics at a certain point in time. Readers should be cautioned about placing much reliability on this conditional data.

NOTE: Resident data for Tennessee includes events which occurred to residents of the state irrespective of where the events took place. Information on events occurring outside of Tennessee was extracted from copies of reports and certificates supplied by the state of record through an interstate transfer agreement. For resident events occurring in Tennessee, the certificates and reports on file with the Office of Vital Records supplied the data for this report.